village in all the region was so ravaged by the ~~Cholera~~ pestilence as was ours, the doctors were the first to go, & those who supplied their places passed through our hands & Joseph's with no halt or delay. ~~a curious & prati-~~ ~~fying promptness.~~ The graveyard grew in grace & beauty day by day till there was not a grass-patch visible in it, not a level spot to trouble the eye.

All in good time Joseph & Gracie were married, & there was a great & costly wed-

ding. As if to make everything complete & leave nothing to be desired, the commerce ~~funerals~~ of the wedding day paid the entire expense of the occasion, & Mr. Marlow himself ~~was~~ the first candidate & headed the procession in a sixty-dollar metallic casket with white satin linings & a beautiful German silver plate stating the date he was born & the day ~~date~~ we got him to this into comp.

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